4 of the Indian Penal Code and the police is further investigating the case.

**Statement of Nepal's Prime minister Shri *K.* P. Bhrattarai on Tirade and Transit Treaty**

847. SHRI KAPIL VERMA.
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA;
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL, AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is Government's reaction to the Nepal's Prime Minister Mr. K. P. Bhattarai's statement calling for restoration of. status-quo-arrte about trade and transit, and negotiations to work out new arrangements as also' the need for revision of the treaty between the two eouniwies?

THE MINISTBR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): Government attach priority to the res_ oiution of all outstanding problems with Nepal through friendly and com prehensive negotiations, so as ta res tore the traditional relationship bet ween India and Nepal in its entirely and to strengthen it further. Given the existing godwill on both sides and the understands? of each other's needs and concerns, we are optimistic aftiout working out a mutually acceptable solution to all such. outstanding issue between us.

**Sabotage in Railways and Road. Tansport**

848. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFFIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sabo tage activities in *the* railways and road trensport have been occuring in grea ter frequencv since the last one month; and

(b) if so. what firm action Government propose- to take against these terrorist activities?

THE (MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY *OF* HOME AFFAIRS (.SHRI SUBODH KANT S&H-AX); (a.) and (b) There have been some incidents of bomb explosions in the trains and roadways buses recen tly. The Stete Governments concerned! are taking necessary steps, to pase-vent the recurrence of such mishaps. The Central Government is also extending ail possible assistance as and when required. Delhi Transport Corporation has prescribed a drill for pre-ventes? incidents of bomb explosions in its buses, All the States/UTs have beei asked to take similar steps.

**Discussion with Bangladesh on Joint River Commission**

849- SHRI MUHRLIDHAR CBANDR-
AKANT BHANDARE'; SHRI
MAHENBRA PRASAD-; SHRI
SURESH PACHOURI:

Will' the Minister of EXTERNAL. AFFAIRS fee pleased' to state;

(a) whether during' his recent visit to Bangladesh the question of reviewing the Joint River Commission; cause up for discussion;

(b) if *so;* what decision was taken n this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken in purrsurnce thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFAEKS (SHRI I. K. GUTOAL): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) It was agreed that the Jte'nt Rivers Commission *(*JRC) be reactivated.

*(c)* A meeting of the JRC at the ministerial level was held in Now Delhi from 18 to 19 April. 1990'